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DRINKING WATER WARNING

Campfire Lodge Resort
155 Campfire Lane, West Yellowstone, MT 59758

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Public Health Officials have confirmed cases of campylobacter gastrointestinal illness in the West Yellowstone area.

Until tests are completed on the Campfire Lodge Resort Public Water Supply System, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality is recommending that water be boiled before use for human consumption, or that individuals should purchase bottled water.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- **Campylobacteriosis** is a bacterial disease caused by *Campylobacter jejuni* or *Campylobacter coli*. *Campylobacter* usually causes a mild to severe infection of the gastrointestinal system, including watery or bloody diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramps, nausea, and vomiting. Indirect transmission of the bacteria through consumption of contaminated food or water is the most common route of infection. Until public health officials determine the cause of the illnesses, the Campfire Lodge Resort is taking precautions by advising all campers to boil water for human consumption or purchase bottled water.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

For additional information please contact Shelly Nolan, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (406) 444- 4071, Tim Roark, Gallatin City-County Health Department (406) 582-3120 or James A. Slattery at 406-646-7258.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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